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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or the representative of the High Commissioner will open the 124th session of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 17. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

3. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the working group on individual communications

The 124th session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 October to 2 November 2018. The first meeting will be convened at Palais Wilson, in the ground floor conference room, on Monday, 8 October, at 10 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it is apparent from the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or its Optional Protocols that the meetings should be held in private.

Under the present item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business.

4. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations based in Geneva. Accordingly, the following meetings have been scheduled: on 8 October, with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, from 10.45 to 11.15 a.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, from 11.15 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Belarus, Guinea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Sudan; and on 15 October, with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, from noon to 12.15 p.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, from 12.15 to 1 p.m., on Belize and Bulgaria.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

The reports to be considered during the 124th session are those of Belarus, Belize, Bulgaria, Guinea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Sudan. A tentative schedule for the consideration of reports during the 124th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below.

Schedule for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

State	*Report*	*Date*
Belarus	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/BLR/5)	Monday, 8 October, afternoon Tuesday, 9 October, morning
Sudan	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/SDN/5)	Tuesday, 9 October, afternoon Wednesday, 10 October, morning
Guinea	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/GIN/3)	Wednesday, 10 October, afternoon Thursday, 11 October, morning
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	In the absence of a report	Thursday, 11 October, afternoon Friday, 12 October, morning
Belize	Initial report (CCPR/C/BLZ/1)	Monday, 15 October, afternoon Tuesday, 16 October, morning
Bulgaria	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/BGR/4)	Tuesday, 16 October, afternoon Wednesday, 17 October, morning

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 124th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Mauritania and Tajikistan, a list of issues prior to reporting for Trinidad and Tobago, and lists of issues in the absence of a report for Dominica, Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria.

6. Follow-up to concluding observations on State party reports

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations will provide a progress report on his activities.

7. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will provide a progress report on her activities.

8. Consideration of communications under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Mindful of the provisions under rule 95 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the working group on individual communications will meet prior to the 124th session, from 1 to 5 October 2018.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been or appear to have been submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 759 communications were pending before the Committee as at 10 August 2018.

In accordance with article 5 (3) of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the present agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.